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REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 1 and 34, the only claims pending following entry of the above amendments.

Claim 1 has been amended to remove the phrase "and combinations thereof." As this amendment introduces no new matter to the application, its entry by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd ¶ for use of the phrase "and combinations thereof." In view of the removal of this phrase from the claim, this rejection may be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issuance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815.

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